passed the party were immersed in water half way to the hips, while the bottom of the tunnel was filled with a soft muck that made walking extremely difficult. Sometimes it was hard to pull the great rubber boots cut of the tenacious mud and progress was, therefore, relatively slow. The splashing of the water resounded and received and at a little distance became a perfect roar. The air was pure and aweet, and, as stated, cool and pleasant. There were no gages to befoul the atmosphere, as no work was being done except at the shaft itself. There was a faint movement of the air, caused by the draft that comes from the great chimney-like openings at Howard University. Chemplain avenue Rock creek. the great chimney-like openings at Howard University, Champlain avenue, Rock creek, Foundry branch and the west ends of the

Traversed for Nearly a Mile. The tunnel was traversed by the visitor for nearly a mile and then, as specimens of all the various conditions had been passed, it was decided to return, as no more information was to be obtained from a pro mation was to be obtained from a prolonged stay in the tunnel. The tunnel is lined with brickwork through the Howard University "heading." and part way into the Champlain "heading." Then ensues a stretch of rock excavation trimmed for the brickwork with the floor reasonably smooth. Next comes the long and difficult passage over a section that had never been trimmed, in which the rocks lay loose upon the floor, making the walking very painful and slow, especially in the great rubber boots that the visitors wore. In the lined section the holes that were cut in the brickwork by the investigating committees were, of course, still visible, with their yawning cavities beyond where the shrewd contractors had outwitted the government and had done cheap and lazy work. These openings were made at frequent intervals, determined by the soundings that Mr. Sparrow made with his little rod.

These holes, or caves, as they were facetiously called at the time of the investigation, are shockingly numerous. In some cases, as will be remembered, they extend for fifty feet or more beyond the opening. But the cuts through the arches show that the brick work was generally of an exceptionally good quality, and even today, after the years of submersion in longed stay in the tunnel. The tunnel i

show that the brick work was generally of an exceptionally good quality, and even today, after the years of submersion in water, the arch is solid and intact, the mortan hard, and the lining itself generally in perfect condition. There is little or no evidence of rotting in the timbers that were placed in the soft spots where the rotten rock was encountered, and Major Knight is of the opinion that if the tunnel is ever used, and is allowed to fill with is ever used, and is allowed to fill with water, the complete submersion of the timbers will preserve them for an indefinite

At irregular intervals the wall of the tun-nel is pierced with "weep holes," through which the seepage runs that fills the tunnel if the numbs are stopped. It is calculated that the pumps' must extract about 265,000 gallons of water a day in order to keep the tunnel clear. Each "weeper" brings in a tiny, steady stream from the seams of the rock above, and the great number of these can be known in the work that they all ac complish. In some cases the water comes through the small metal pipes with such force as to force streams bodily into the runnel several inches, while other inlets flow smoothly down the sides without any pressure. The water in every case is clear and cold. It is no wonder that this should be the case, as it has passed through one of the best filters in the world—150, and in some cases 200, feet of soil, sand, gravel, clay and rock, layer upon layer of filtering material better than any man has ever discovered or invented.

covered or invented.

There is in places a peculiar yellowish deposit on the sides of the tunnel that has enough tenacity to hold it together, and strings and even sheets of this material may be seen waving spectrally in the draft. This deposit has also been examined and has been found to be somewhat fungus and vegetable in character, and not at all deleterious to the excellence of the water. In the eastern end of the tunnel, which was visited today, there are no lime formations, such as are usually found undercovered or invented. tions, such as are usually found under-ground, but it was stated that there are cimens of stalactites in the

None of the Fragments Dislodged. Everything in the tunnel was covered that it had rested undisturbed fust as it was left over seven years ago, and, as Maj. Knight pointed out, proving that the lapse of time and the action of the water had not served to dislodge any fragments from above.

Almost all of the appliances for mining and excavating a tunnel had been taken out, although here and there may be seen a length of rusty rail, and on one side a thousand feet or more from the university shaft, a poor old wreck of a car lay on its side, a mute reminder of the active scenes pearly a decade ago. There was an op-pressive sense of visiting the bottom of the sea in a diving bell. It was all so cold and still, save for the dripping, dripping, dripping, of the water from the sides. Oc-casionally an unusually active weeper sent as splashing sound into the quiet that re-echoed and was magnified a hundred times. Far up the tunnel the civil engineer was working with a couple of assistants, measuring the cavities behind the lining, and their voices came booming along the tube-like construction with a mufiled roar, while their lights blinked fainter and faint-er as the distance between the two parties

if creased.

If the tunnel should ever be used as a conduit there is a great deal of rubble, blasted from the roof, that would have to blasted from the roof, that would have to be taken out, while in some places there is enough sand and mud that have drifted back and forth from the shafts that would necessarily have to be removed. It is, of course, a question for the engineers to set-tle whether the tunnel could carry the water to the Howard University reservoir without the entire length being lived, and water to the Howard University reservoir without the entire length being lined, and in order to determine this question as far as possible Maj. Knight will endeavor to submit the tunnel to pressure and determine as accurately as possible the amount of loss by flow through the seams of rotten rock that are exposed in the open sections.

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This rock 's of the consistency of rockne-fort cheese, and it is, of course, very easily penetrated by the water. The civil en-gineer who is making the measurements will be through with his work in about two more days, and will then retire to the sur-face to compute his notes, and the tunnel will then be filled and the pressure applied. Once Again at the Surface.

It was quarter of 12 when Maj. Knight and those who accompanied him reached the Howard University shaft once more, and in a few moments they were again on the surface, considerably spattered with

the surface, considerably spattered with mud and their faces grimed by the off smoke of the torches.

They sighed with regret for the delicious coolness of the lower regions, but with a sense of thankfulness that they were no longer at the mercy of the captious steam pump that might strike a sung at any moment and allow the water to accumulate. Good, old, solid earth is a fairly comfortable place even with the temperature at degrees.

Shot Himself to Spite Her. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

CUMBERLAND, Md., July 22.-Last night at 11 o'clock Theodore Muirr committed suicide by shooting himself through the brain with a 38-callber revolver. Muiri came to this country from Germany about three years ago, and has been employed by the Cumberland glass works in this city as a glass blower, making about \$6 a day. He boarded with Mr. Andrew Heiselburger on North Mechanic street, and fell in love with Lizzle, his daughter. They took a drive lest drive last evening, and, upon returning home, drank some wine. Muirr left the young lady's side, and, going into an inner room, fired the fatal shot. It is said that the young woman jilted him, which prompted the deed. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide.

Tennis Tournament. BROOKLINE, Mass., July 22.- The fifth annual tennis tournament of the U.S.N.T.A. opened on the Longwood Cricket Club grounds today. The play was not spirited, but shows signs of improvement. The tourney will probably continue until Thursday, and at its close W. A. Larned, tennis champion of Massachusetts, will compete

Scientific Explorers.

BOSTON, Mass., July 22.-Prof. S. C. Fay of Tuft's College is at the head of a party of twenty-five members of the Appalachia; Mountain Club that started this morning in a special car for a trip among the Selkirk mountains in British Columbia. The mountain climbers hope to penetrate parts of the Selkirk region which no white man

PROOF INCREASES AGAINST HOLMES

The Lunenburg Murderers Taken to Prison by Troops.

LIVE OAK, Fla., July 22.-Rev. D. W. Gillislee reports a reign of terror among the A Crowd Expected at the Hearing of negroes of Lafavette and Taylor counties. He says their churches are being raided by white men, congregations dispersed and pastors driven away. Rev. Gillislee is presiding elder of Live Oak district of the Florida conference of the A. M. E. Church. The counties mentioned are in this district, and he recently returned from an attemp te fill his appointments.

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According to his story, he was roughly treated. He says he was preaching in Lafayette county to a large congregation, when a crowd of armed white men came into the church and stationed themselves rear the pulpit. The leader asked Gillislee: "How long do you expect to remain in this county and live?"

Then the whites began to shoot and Gillislee and the congregation ran out in a panic. Gillislee went to Bramford, ten miles distant, in Suwanee county. He made the trip in an hour. He next went to Taylor county, which adjoins Lafayette on the west, but was again driven out. While preaching at night, he says, about twenty white men came in and stationed themselves about the pulpit. Gillislee was greatly frightened, but kept on preaching. Finly frightened, but kept on preaching. Fin-ally the mob shot the lights out. Gillislee and the negroes ran out, many being tram-pled on. The mob so far appear to have shot no one, their object seeming to be to

shot no one, their object seeming to be to create terror.

Gillisloe saw the negroes are frightened nearly to death, and are leaving rapidly, many deserting their property. The preacher seems unharved by his experience, and will never go to Lafayette or Taylor again. His headquarters are in Jacksonville, and he has a good reputation. Lafayette and Taylor are the counties where so many negroes have been lynched for outraging white women. In Lafayette there have been over a dozen lynchings in the last few months, and there is no question that the reported assaults on women have greatly embittered the whites against the negroes.

THE PITZEL MURDERS.

The Plot Thickens and New Proof Seems to Go Against Holmes.

DETROIT, Mich., July 22.-Detective Geyer of Philadelphia is in the city and will make further efforts to find the bod; of Howard Pitzel. Geyer has all along held that the boy was murdered in Detroit and has several clews, but what they are he is not ready to tell.

CINCINNATI, July 22.-A Commercia Gazette special from Indianapolis says Mrs. Holmes, the wife of the accused murderer and insurance swindler, left her derer and insurance swindler, left here for Philadelphia, at the instance of the prosecuting attorney of that city. Mrs. Holmes herself would not talk, but her most intimate friend, to whom she confided her purpose, did talk last night.

This person says Mrs. Holmes has forsaken her husband. She alleges that Mrs. Holmes said that the assertion of Holmes that he was not in Toronto, but was absent with his wife when the Pitzel children disappeared, is not true, that wher-

dren disappeared, is not true, that wherever Holmes was at that time he was not ever Holmes was at that time he was not with Mrs. Holmes. Moreover, Mrs. Holmes says she was with Holmes in Chicago at the time Miss Williams disappeared. This intimate friend of Mrs. Holmes believes she will tell all she knows about her hus-band, and be a strong witness in prosecut-ing him.

CHICAGO, July 22.—The search for the bodies of the missing Williams girls was resumed at the "Castle" of H. H. Holmes, the suspected murderer, today, and in a nosed rope, stained dark about the knot, the police think they have made an important discovery. The rope, which was found hidden beneath a quantity of rubbish, is of considerable length and strong. found hidden beneath a quantity of rub-bish, is of considerable length and strong. At one end is a plaited loop and at the other a running or "hangman's" noose. About the knot and on the rope near the noose were found several dark spots, which the police immediately concluded were blood stains. The length of the rope is such that were the platted loop attached to the wall upstairs of the secret dumb walter shaft a body hanging from the noose would just clear the floor at the bottom of the shaft. This coincidence convinced some of the detectives that Holmes' allead vic-tims had been pushed through the upstairs door to the dumb waiter and strangled to death in the shaft below. Other officers, however, refused to advance a theory, and the rope was submitted to an analysis to determine the nature of the stains.

TORONTO, Ont., July 22.-If the core ner's jury finds Holmes guilty of the mur-der of the two Pitzel children, which is almost a foregone conclusion, papers wil at once he issued demanding his immediate extradition.

DETROIT, Mich., July 22.—Search for the missing Howard Pitzel, supposed to have been murdered in Detroit by H. H. Holmes, was resumed today by Detective Geyer of Philadelphia, aided by the local force. An Philadelphia, aided by the local force. An effort will be made to find the expressman who was engaged by Holmes to move the trunks to and from the boarding house on Park street, where he and his wife stopped during the days of their visitation in Detroit. A belief exists that the lad was killed before arriving here; that the body was brought to Detroit and destroyed, or that after digging the hole in the rear of the Forest avenue house Holmes became frightened and replaced the body in a trunk, taking it with him into Canada. Geyer declares the statement that Holmes has admitted having killed Howard in Detroit is false and silly.

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CHICAGO, Ill., July 22.—It is reported today that Pat Quinland and his wife had been arrested and given an experience in the "sweat box" in an effort to discover just how much they may know of Holmes' Chicago record. The report, however, was emphatically denied by the police. Quinland was employed as a janitor by Holmes here. The Holmes house in 63d street was surrounded by a crowd of several hundred curious people all day. Several efforts were made by the throng to carry the door with a rush, and gain admittance, but a strong guard of police kept all sightseers outside.

ESCORTED TO PRISON.

The Three Pollard Murderers Take

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. RICHMOND, Va., July 22.-Renewed in terest has been aroused here in the murder case of Mrs. Jane Pollard in Lunenburg with the return of the military from that place last night. Besides Solomon Marable, Pokey Barnes and Mary Abernathy, sen tenced to the penitentiary for ten years for the same crime, they also brought the hus band of the latter. The prisoners were brought here to prevent the Lunenburg citizens from doing vengeance on them. As the troops were leaving, the negro Braxton came to Capt. Cunningham and asked to be came to Capt. Cunningham and asked to be taken into custody and brought to Richmond. Though he was not connected with the crime he feared for his life, and Capt. Cunningham, as a matter of mercy, took him in charge. It is understood that the ranking officers who were at Lunenburg during the trial, are satisfied that the negro women convicted and sentenced in this case, are invested to the crime It is also women convicted and sentenced in this case are innocent of the crime. It is also believed that a white man, who has not been secured by the authorities, is impli-cated in the brutal murder, and later sen-sations are probable. The military officers are reticent since their return.

CHAOS AND DISORDER.

This is All Mr. Bland Says There is

ST. LOUIS, July 22.-Ex-Congressman Bland, who is in the city, speaking of the silver question last night, said: "There is no use trying to dodge this issue any longer. If the democratic party does not declare for the free colnage of silver it will

LATE NEWS BY WIRE

be wiped off the map. The newspapers in the large cities like St. Louis talk about the silver sentiment dying out, but they are not going to fool anybody. There may be a few democrate in the cities who will follow the administration, but there are practically none in the country. This convention will show where the democrate of Missouri stand. In order to win the next campaign we have got to take a bold stand for silver, and we must be getting into line."

"Your name has frequently been men-tioned as a candidate for the presidency. What can I say about that?"
"It is all foolishness to talk about can-didates. There is no democratic party. There is nothing but chaos and disorder."

CHINAMEN IN COURT

Done by Them Tomorrow.

the Charges of Conspiracy and Threats.

There will be very little work done in the Chinese laundries tomorrow morning, as the cases involving charges of conspiracy and threats against members of he Sam Lee Company are to be called in the Police Court. Members of the Hop Chung Lung Company, and it is said that there are more than three hundred of them, will, in all probability, be out in full force. As heretofore published in The Star, the members of the Sam Lee Company, doing a cut-rate business, claim that they are being persecuted by the wealthy Hop Chung Lung organization, and the prosetorney, it is said, seems to think that there is very little in the cases.

Moy Ah Sing, Lum Kee Sing, Sue Gow and others of the Sam Lee Company claim that the more powerful organization is endeavoring to force them out of the city, and they do not intend to go. They will go to jail, they say, rather than be forced

and they do not intend to go. They will go to jail, they say, rather than be forced to leave the city. There seems to be one possible exception, and this Chinaman is Sue Gow, who is only an ordinary laborer who irons clothes. He has been called to Far Rockaway on Long Island, where the summer trade is heavy, and he was to have gone Saturday, but was prevented from doing so because of his arrest.

Charlie Bing, one of the Sam Lee Company, who bought another laundry last week, claims that one of his cut-rate signs was torn down Saturday night by the keeper of a rival establishment.

Prosecuting Attorney Mullowny investigated the charges brought against the four members of the Sam Lee Company this morning, and, much to his surprise, only two witnesses were produced in each case. In these cases it is claimed that the defendants got \$20 from the complainants, and that they have been collecting \$2 a week, under the pretense that it was for the support of a tea club. It is possible that after Mr. Mullowny has heard all the evidence he will noile pros. the charges, and that there may be no trial tomorrow, although he may prefer to have the court settle the matter. When these cases are over there may be some surprises for the members of the Hop Chung Lung Society, for it is said that the Sam Lee Chinamen intend to swear out more than two hundred warmants for conspiracy. intend to swear out more than two hundred warmants for conspiracy.

ST. ROSE'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

ncorporation of an Institution to Fit male Orphans for Life Work. Articles incorporating the Saint Rose's

Industrial School of the District of Columbia were filed today by the following directors: Nora Maloney, Sara Tuttle, Catherine O'Connor, Winifred Anderson and Ester Jolly, known in religion as Sisters Clara, Mariana, Agnes, Julia and Fidelis,

The object of the organization is the care of female orphan children over fourteen years of age, transferred to the school from St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum and from its care by the District authorities. It is of the school to instruct the children in domestic economy, plain and fancy sewing and in general housekeeping duties.

Entries at Alexander Island. The entries for tomorrow's races at Alex

nder Island are as follows: First race, five-eighths of a mile, selling

Second race, four and a half furlongs, selling-Caroven, 117; Delia M., 112; Siberia, 112; Rufus, 104; Arundel, 104; Redowae, 102; Annie T., 102; Farragut, 102; Flash, 102; Gorman, 99; Renaissance, 99; Harry Kieser, 99; Arda, 97; Lady Brooke 97; Lady

Teacher, 97.
Third race, seven-eighths miles, selling—Can't Tell, 112; Columbus, fr., 112; Belwood, 112; Lotion, 112; C. O. D., 112; Venus. wood, 112; Lotion, 112; C. O. D., 112; Venus-burg, 112; Glenralier, 112; Reform, 100; Rugan, 100; Sharon, 100. Fourth race, one-half mile, two-year-old, selling-Baccarat, 97; La Shade, 97; Willie Dexter, 97; Al Hekedott, 100; Albertine, 97; Elves, 93; Little Ralph, 93; Noxious, 93; Shuster, 90; Lady Watson, 90; Princess Helen, 90.

Fifth race, five-eighths of a mile, selling Fifth race, five-eighths of a mile, selling

-Fair Pley, 105; Jersey, 105; Elmstone,
105; Detroit, 105; A. O. H., 105; West Park,
105; Blue Bird, 105; My Gyps, 105; Heloise,
105; Son Malheur, 105.

Sixth race, seven-eighths mile, selling—
Half Breed, 112; Paris, 112; Woodchopper,
112; Frank R. Fiary, 112; Padre, 112; Bronston, 100; Young Magenta, 100; The Snake,
100.

Fifth and sixth races were declared off and first and third division split, the first forming the fifth and third the sixth.

The Day at St Asaph's A very attractive card was presented by

the Virginia Jockey Club at their meeting at St. Asaph's, which drew a very good crowd to the track. The track was dry and fast, the weather clear and hot. Five bcoks were on.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following: Wm. H. Underdue and Frances Collins: John H. Anderson of this city and Bertia Green of Virginia; Wm. H. Pollard and Ida E. Jones; Jos. S. W. Moore and Laura Clements; John F. Stuart of Chicago, Ill., and Laura Virginia Young of this city; John H. Madden and Lizzie Smith: Aaron Ware and Fannie Whitby; Augustus Fields, Jr., and Eliza Alexander; Wm. H. Simms and Georgianna V. Branch; Edward Watson and Mary L. Shelton; Howard Griffin and Luvenia Gilchrist.

The Train Broke in Two pecial Dispatch to The Evening Star.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., July 22.-An ugly freight wreck occurred on the Alabama Great Southern road twenty-five miles below here Saturday, in which John Jones of Chattanooga was instantly killed. He was riding in a car, when the train broke in two in the middle. The pieces came together with a crash. An oil tank was driven through the car he was in. The remains were horribly mangled. His father is general superintendent of the Chattanesses. Can and Foundary Company of which nooga Car and Foundry Company, of which H. Clay Evans is owner.

Stole the Watches. William, alias Blood Jones, colored, this afternoon plead guilty to stealing eleven gold watches from Jeweler Dominick Rickenbacher on the 11th of this month. Judge Cole remanded him to jail to await sen-tence.

The Star Out of Town.

THE EVENING STAR will be sent by mail to any address in the United States or Canada for such period as may be desired at the rate of fifty cents per month.

But all such orders must be ac companied by the money, or the paper cannot be sent, as no accounts are kept with mail subscriptions.

Said to Be Imported Into This Country From Honolulu.

CHARGE THAT A CONSPIRACY EXISTS

Proofs Fail to Show a Violation of the Law.

MR. BLAND SPEAKS AGAIN Consequently There Will Be Little Washing MAY BECOME AN ISSUE Much Enthusiasm Shown at a Reunion

The government officials in this city having in charge the enforcement of immigration and labor laws have not up to the present time had sufficient evidence placed before them to justify the belief that a powerful and widespread organization existed, having for its object the whole sale importation of Japanese laborers into the United States. During the past few months Labor Commission California has persistently maintained that a conspiracy existed for the farming out of cheap oriental labor, which was supplied in numbers to suit the demand by agents located in the Hawaiian Islands. He has repeatedly tried to make a case, but the necessary proofs always evaded him at the moment. , At the same time he was somewhat handicapped by the emphatic declaration of Senator Perkins and other declaration of Senator Perkins and other prominent coast politicians that there was nothing to warrant the impression that such a conspiracy existed. But the commissioner was not discouraged, and will soon place before the bureau of labor in Washington conclusive evidence that Japanese are being imported from Honouclu for the purpose of working at unusually low wages. It is expected that United States Attorney Knight of San Frarcisco will communicate with the Department of Justice in regard to the matter, and ascertain if some law cannot be so construed as to prevent their entrance.

The Proof Offered.

The Proof Offered. The proof offered by Labor Commissione Fitzgerald consists of two letters from con tract agents in Honolulu. The first inquires into the condition of the labor market in San Francisco, and states that the Japanese for whom he desires to secure employment would corsider \$12 per month and board as munificent compensation, would pay their transportation and have sufficient money upon arrival with which to maintain themselves until employed. The second letter is apparently a reply to a favorable answer from the San Francisco favorable answer from the San Francisco correspondent, and states that the writer alone can supply 200 Japanese laborers per month, and that he will attempt to fill all orders for them. The contractor, however, knows his business and says: "It would not do for me to send any more than you could place quickly, because their countrymen who have been in California before them would try and influence them to get higher pay. Another thing, by shipping higher pay. Another thing, by shipping them in small numbers it is not likely to create notice, but a big number by steam

er might do so."

In considering the legal status of the matter Mr. Fitzgerald says: "It is a most careful conspiracy, for they balk the contract immigration law most effectually. That plan of making contracts after the men have arrived here and before they have had time to discover the true condition of wages here is a very smart one."

Officials here fail to find any law covering the importation of Japanese laborers, not under contract, but who come at their own expense for the purpose of obtaining em-

expense for the purpose of obtaining ployment after arrival. The Chinese ployment after arrival. The Chinese ex-clusion act makes no prohibition against any but citizens of China. There is no ap-parent violation of the alien contract labor

Suggestion of a Remedy.

The only suggestion of a remedy is found in the law forbidding the oceanic transportation of coolies. Section 2158 of the Revised Statutes provides that: "No citizen of the United States, or foreigner coming into or residing within the same, shall for himself or for any other person, either as master, factor, owner or othewise, build, equip, load, or otherwise prepare, any yesregistered, enrolled or licensed in the ted States, for the purpose of procuring from any port or place the subjects of China, Japan or of other oriental country, -Anxiety, 105; Saginaw, 105; Kentucky known as coolles, to be transported to any foreign port, or place, to be disposed of, Dee, 105; Glenall, 105; Jack Lovell, 105; Saginaw, 105; Bolivar, 105; R. F. Dee, 105; Glenall, 105; Jack Lovell, 105; Saginaw, 105; R. F. Dee, 105; Glenall, 105; Jack Lovell, 105; Saginaw, 105; R. F. Dee, 105; Glenall, 105; Jack Lovell, 105; Saginaw, 105; R. F. Dee, 105; Glenall, 105; Jack Lovell, 105; Saginaw, 105; R. F. Dee, 105; Glenall, 105; Jack Lovell, 105; Saginaw, 105; R. F. Dee, 105; Glenall, 105; Jack Lovell, 105;

service or labor."

A fine not exceeding \$2,000 and imprisonment not exceeding one year are provided as penalties. But the law is held vided as penalties. But the law is held to be practically vitiated by the proviso that it does not apply to the subjects specified when voluntarily emigrating, or to any vessel carrying them as passengers of their own volition. It was found impracticable under this law to exclude the Chinese and the most drastic legislation was necessary before any headway was made in stopping their importation.

An Issue on the Pacific Coast. The belief has arisen, since Commissione Fitzgerald began his agitation, that the

Japanese question will soon become as pronounced an issue on the Pacific coast as the perplexing Chinese problem. It is also evident that the influx of Japanese laborers, if actually pending, will to a greater

borers, if actually pending, will to a greater or less extent affect every other section of the country, as they will be distributed from San Francisco to all the fruit and agricultural districts where their services can be made available.

Commissioner of Labor Wright, when seen in regard to the alleged wholesale importation of Japanese workingmen, said that his department would have no jurisdiction in the premises. It is a question for the Department of Justice and the bureau of immigration to settle. State Labor Commissioner Fitzgerald has no connection whatever with the national bureau.

What the Solicitor General Sava.

What the Solicitor General Says, Solicitor General Conrad, who is acting Attorney General in the absence of Mr Harmon, said that as yet no papers alleging the importation of Japanese laborers had been sent to the department. He ha not taken the subject into consideration, but, speaking generally, he believed the Chinese exclusion act could be so construed as to prevent the entrance of any unde-

sirable class of orientals.

Private advices received today in this city Private advices received today in this city state that District Attorney Knight of San Francisco has decided that the evidence submitted by Mr. Fitzgerald is insufficient to prove the existence of a conspiracy, and he wall await the procurement of additional and more conclusive testimony before tak-

and more conclusive testimony before taking action.

Any construction of the Chinese exclusion act making it applicable to Japanese would necessitate an iopinion from the Supreme Court. The collector at whatever port the objectionable immigrants enter could make his own construction of the law, and the matter would then be brought on appeal to the Supreme Court for a final decision. DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

About a Party Wall.

ecial Dispatch to The Evening Star. A rather curious condition of affairs was KNOXVILLE, Tenn., July 22 .- The Knoxbrought to the attention of the Commisville electric street railway was sold under sioners today in connection with the buildforeclosure mortgage at noon Saturday by ing of the new fire engine house at Mount Pleasant. It seems that when the building Special Commissioner J. C. Duncan. The property consists of over eighteen miles of was in course of erection Building Inspec-tor Brady found that the District would be street railway, with electrical equipments street railway, with electrical equipments and all appurtenances thereto. The bidding was spirited between J. Simpson Africa, in behalf of the bondholders, and W. G. Mc-Adoo, jr., representing the Thomson-Houston Company. J. Simpson Africa and C. C. Howell purchased the railway for \$162,152 for the bondholders, paying 20 per cent cash. The property will be improved, extended and placed on a paying basis, entitled to \$126.50 for the use of the south wall as a party wall by Peter Fersing, who wall as a party wall by Peter Fersing, who was putting up a house on that side. After consultation with the auditor of the treasury it was decided that this sum might be used in the erection of a fence in the rear, instead of being turned into the treasury as an unexpended balance.

Before the engine house wall was up, there was a six weeks' delay, owing to the non-arrival of some iron beams, and Fersirg went on with his building, sending in a bill of \$56 to J. W. Dunn, the contractor for the engine house, for so much of his Tin Plate Mill Starts Up.

special Dispatch to The Evening Star. CUMBERLAND, Md., July 22.- The tin a bill of \$56 to J. W. Dunn, the contractor for the engine house, for so much of his wall as was used. When the engine house was completed, it is said, he refused to pay the \$126.50, and the building inspector was compelled to pay for the fence out of another fund at his disposal. The Commissioners decided that there was no reason to hold Dunn responsible for the amount, and that the only thing to do is to refer the matter to the attorney for the District, plate mill in this city, which has been idle for some months past, resumed work this Death of Ex-Gov. Rice. MELROSE, Mass., July 22.-Hon. Alexander H. Rice, ex-governor of Massachusetts, died at the Langwood Hotel here this afternoon of paralysis.

JAPANESE LABORERS to see whether the sum cannot be recovered from the owner of the building next door. FINANCE AND TRADE sample, 60a70; do. on grant spot and month. 49% bid

Bids Opened.

REPUBLICANS RALLY

Other Leaders Are Announced

to Make Speeches.

The republican campaign in the District

of Columbia for '96 was begun under

auspicious circumstances today at Book

14th streets southeast, in the form of what

er's Park, on D street between 13th and

was called a reunion of the "Old Boys" of

the District of Columbia. The park in

which the meeting was held was decorated

with flags, bunting and a variety of col-

ors, while the occasion was enlivened with

music by the Capital City Band. The spa-

clous park was filled with a large crowd of

colored men, and several white politicians

of prominence were in the audience. The

meeting had been arranged for by Mr.

Speechmaking will be begun at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Col. Perry Carson will be the orator of the day, and among the others

who have been invited to speak are An-

drew Gleeson, John M. Langston, T. L. Jones, Aaron Bradshaw, George Hatton, W. H. Barber, W. Calvin Chase, James Weburn, E. E. Cooper, John W. Freeman, Lemuel Bradshaw, ex-Senator B. K. Bruce

Republican Clubs Expected.

The meeting is an all-day affair, and

during the morning and afternoon there

has been a steady accession to the crowd.

The committee having in charge the affair

prepared tables laden with eatables for

The members of the McKinley League

of the club were to participate in the

Complimentary to Perry Carson.

for election as a delegate. In this connec

Carson had stood by the negroes here faithfully, and that while he believed that the

amounted to very little, and that when the time came for the selection of delegates Perry Carson would be on top. He reassured the reporter that the meeting was held in the interest of no one, but was simply for a renewal of the faith of, the colored brother to the grand old party.

148 ITALIANS DROWNED.

Steamers Collide at Night in the Medi-

terranean.

An accident resulting in the loss of 148

lives occurred near the mouth of the Gulf of Spezzia yesterday. The steamers Ortigia and Maria P. ran into each other, and the

Maria P. was damaged so badly that she

sank in a very short time. The Maria P.

had on board, fi. addition to her crew, 176

damaged or not is unknown.

HAWAIPS PEACE.

Credence.

Knozville Street Railway Sold.

Mr. William Booker, who is at the head

those who favored the meeting with their

and George W. Boston.

Bids were opened by the Commissioners for the grading of Sherman avenue and the erection of a new ward at the Wash-ington Asylum. Bids for the grading of A Little Business All Along the Sherman avenue were as follows: Skinner 29 1-2 cents, sixty days; Gummel, 32 cents

THE GOLD SHIPMENT DISCOUNTED

50 days; Talty, 37 cents, 90 days; Hom & Gaskins, 34 cents, 60 days; Lyons, 31 cents, 60 days; Lyons, 31 cents, 60 days; Gleeson, 20 cents, 90 days.

For the new ward at the asylum the bids were as follows: B. F. Mockabee, \$3,201; C. Thomas, \$3,535; Thos. Winfree, \$4,600; J. M. Dunn, \$3,890; J. Howlett, \$3,800. A Light Day, With Few and Quick Turns.

> GENERAL MARKET NEWS Now in Progress.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. Perry Carson is the Orator and Many

NEW YORK, July 22.-London prices came slightly higher this morning and were accompanied by a few buying orders from that center, notably in St. Paul. This, with utter failure of Saturday's large gold shipment to induce long selling, was a disto covering right at the opening, and in the case of Sugar, Chicago Gas, St. Paul and Burlington, the demand was urgent for the first hour, when, the demands of the shorts having been satisfied, the market resumed its usual dull and listless as pect, with a disposition toward sagging in

There were renewals of the rumors current Friday and Saturday that the buying of Chicago Gas certificates was by what is known as the "old directors' party," and it is generally understood that they have been

quietly accumulating the stock since the smash to 50 early last week.

In Sugar, the prominent Hebrew trader who was instrumental in manipulating the price down to 106 last week was credited with having taken the other tack. As brokers usually identified with his transactions was the most prominent buyers the tions were the most prominent buyers, the stock was very strong from the opening. The Cammack brokers were almost the only sellers of Reading, and stories of a large assessment on the stock were again revived, and had the effect of marking off

revived, and had the effect of marking off the price of the stock about 1 per cent.

The sudden flurry and advance in Manhattan was caused by a belated short trying to cover a few hundred shares put out last week, and the traders, discovering the order, bid the price up to 113, as against 1111-4 at the opening. There was no special news on the stock.

The Grangers continue to be the backbone of the market, and the stubborn strength they displayed during the liquidation in the industrials was very much in evidence, and substantial advances, notably in Rock Island and Burlington, were scored early in the day and well maintained. The reports from the corn belt continue uni-

the exercises. The fact that most of the members of these clubs are laboring colored men prevented a large attendance during the day, but the management is expecting an overflowing crowd during the avening. reports from the corn belt continue uni-formly favorable and account in a great measure for the strength of the above named stocks.

named stocks.

Distillers was streng on the denial of the reports of a new \$2,000,000 bond issue by the reorganized company.

The sterling exchange market, which is really the weak feature of the situation, remains quiet but very firm at quotations unchanged from those of last week's closing. Although there is no probability of any immediate gold shipments by any of the banking houses, it is understood that a large coffee house may make its remittance to the other side in the precious metal.

Lake Shore was a feature and sold at 15312 exdividend, which is the highest price it ever sold at. The members of the McKinley League, who held a mass meeting in South Washington two weeks ago, claim that today's meeting was held for the purpose of off-setting their meeting and practically for the purpose of booming Perry Carson to lead the delegation from the District to the national republican convention. The McKinleyites were conspicuous at the meeting today by their absence, and the word was passed around that no members of the club were to participate in the "old of the club were to participate in the "old boys' reunion."

Mr. Robert H. Keys, who is the first vice president of the McKinley League and who is being put forward by the league to succeed Perry Carson as a delegate from the District, was at the meeting and hobnobbed with the "old boys," saying that he would not allow his candidacy for the delegateship to interfere with his republican enthusiasm.

the trading during the last hour was of the same general character as that re-corded above, the only features being the continued strength in Sugar and the Grang-ers, and a feeble attempt by the bears to mark down Chicago Gas.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

of the meeting, said to a Star reporter to-The following are the opening, the highest and the lowest and the closing prices of the New York stock market today, as reported by Corson & Macariney, members New Yor's stock exchange. Correspondents Messrs. Moore & Schley, No. 80 Broadway. day that the meeting was not held for the purpose of booming Perry Carson, nor with the intent of ruining anybody else's chance for election as a delegate. In this connec-tion he took occasion to say that he could not see any objection to the re-election of Mr. Carson, as he had served the District faithfully and stood well with the leaders of the party all over the country. He said that if some new man was elected as a delegate and should succeed Col. Carson delegate and should succeed Col. Carson as the member of the national committee, it would take him six or eight years to "catch on to the ropes," and to that end the District might suffer when the patronage came to be issued out. He said that

Manhattan Fievated. 111%
Michigan Central.
Missouri Pacific. 33
National Lead Co...
U. S. Leather, Pfd. 90%
U. S. Leather, Pfd. 15%
New Jersey Central 101
New York Central 101
N. Y. & N. Eng Cfs. 50%
N. Y. & N. Eng Cfs. 50%
N. Y. & St. Louis. 83 84% 90% 15% 100% 33% 84% 90% 15% 101% 50% 33% 34% 90% 15% Northern Pacific, Pfd.. 183/ 183/ 18% 1814 17% 17% 28% 28% 17% 17% 17% 28% 17% 17% Phila & Reading...... Puliman Pal. Car Co... Southern Rallway, Pfd. 42% 86 19% 85 42% 86 12% 85% 13%

Washington Stock Exchange.

had on board, in addition to her crew, 176 passengers bound from Naples for the River Piate. Most of them were emigrants. It was pitch dark when the collision occurred, and there was a terrible scene aboard the sinking steamer. Most of the passengers were asleep in their bunks at the time, and were awakened by the crashing of the stcamer's plates, deck beams, and deck planks. They rushed on deck and ran hither and thither, alternately calling for boats and praying aloud to the saints. But one boat got away.

The force of the collision was terrific. The Ortigia struck the Maria P. squarely on the starboard side, and her stem penetrated eighteen feet. No mention is made of the Ortigia's lowering boats to attempt to rescue the imperiled people on the Maria P. Whether the former vessel was damaged or not is unknown. Sales—regular call—12 o'clock m.—U. S. 4a, coupon, \$500 at 112. Eckington Railroad 6s, \$100 at 102. U. S. Electric Light, 2 at 132½; 4 at 132½; 1 at 132½.

Government Bonds.—U. S. 4s, registered, 112 bid, 1125, asked. U. S. 4s, coupon, 112 bid, 113 asked. U. S. 4s, 1925, 123½ bid. U. S. 5s, 1904, 115½ bid. District of Columbia Bonds.—20-year fund 5s, 103 bid. 30-year fund 6s, gold, 1125; bid. Water stock 7s, 1901, currency, 115 bid. Water stock 7s, 1901, currency, 115 bid. Water stock 7s, 1901, currency, 116 bid. 365s, funding, currency, 111 bid. 365s, funding, currency, 111 bid. 35s, registered, 2-10s, 100 bid. Miscellaneous Bonds.—Washington and Georgetown Railroad conv. 6s, 2d, 130 bid, 140 asked. Metropolitum Railroad conv. 6s, 2d, 130 bid, 140 asked. Metropolitum Railroad conv. 6s, 2d, 130 bid, 140 asked. Metropolitum Railroad conv. 6s, 2d, 160 bid. Belt Railroad 5s, 87 bid, 90 asked. Eckington Railroad 6s, 11015 bid. Washington Gas Company 6s, series A, 113 bid. Washington Gas Company 6s, series B, 114 bid. Washington Gas Company 6s, series A, 113 bid. Washington Gas Company 6s, series B, 114 bid. Washington Market Company 1sp, 6s, 100 bid. Washington Saked. Celtral, 270 bid. Farmers a The Story of an Uprising Refused SAN FRANCISCO, July 22.-Consul Wilder of Hawaii says he does not think there is any foundation for the news from Port Townsend that vessels have been loaded there with munitions of war for the Hawaiian Islands, and that an uprising nagainst the existing government may take place next September.

A telegram published yesterday states that the United States government instructed the customs authorities of Fuget sound district to prevent the fitting out of filidistrict to prevent the fitting out of fili-bustering expeditions to Hawaii. Mr. Wilder said that he had no information about such an order having been issued, and he did not know of any shipment of arms from Puget sound ports. Further-more, he says, the royalists have no money with which to make such warlike prepara-

Trust, 137 bid, 140 asked. Washington Safe Deposit, 89 asked.

Raifroad Stocks.—Washington and Georgetown. 205 bid, 285 asked. Metrapolitan, 91½ asked. Belt, 30 asked. Belt, 30 asked. Gas and Electric Light Stocks.—Washington Gas, 51 bid, 52 asked. Georgetown Gas, 50 bid. U. S. Electric Light, 122 bid, 133½ asked.

Insurance Stocks.—Firemen's, 38 bid. Franklin, 42 bid. Metropolitan, 70 bid. Corconn, 52 bid. Potomac, 67 bid. Arlington, 140 bid. German-American, 160 bid. Arlington, 140 bid. Riggs, 78 bid, 83 asked. People's, 5% bid, 6 asked. Lincoln, 8 bid, 8% asked. People's, 5% bid, 6 asked. Lincoln, 8 bid, 8% asked. Columbia, 17 title Insurance Stocks.—Real Estate Title, 105 bid, 115 asked. Columbia Title, 7 bid, 8 asked. Washington Title, 8 asked. District Title, 8 bid, 13 asked. 13 asked.

Telephone Stocks.—Chesapeake and Potomac, 56 bid, 60 asked. American Graphophone, 3 bid, 3% asked. Pneumatic Gun Carriage, 22 bid, 25 asked. Miscellancous Stocks.—Washington Market, 12 bid. Great Falls Ice, 130 bid. Bull Run Panorama, 25 asked.

*Ex div.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, July 22.—Flour dull—western super, 2.50a2.75; do. extra, 2.80a3.25; do. family, 3.35a 3.69; winter wheat patent, 3.75a3.90; spring do. 3.70a3.90; spring wheat straight, 3.5ba3.60—receipts, 5.428 barrels; shipments, 225 barrels; sales, 109 barrels. Wheat strong-spot, month and August, 68%,a65%; September, 60%,a65%; October, 72a 724; steamer No. 2 red. 65%,a65%; Cecepits, 79,243 bushels; shipments, 82,000 bushels; stock, 859,718

235.399 bushels; southern white core, 51a52; reliow, 52a53. Oats casy—No. 2 white wes 32 asked; No. 2 mired, 50a304, recepts, 11 bushels; stock, 199.052 bushels. Rye, some in-recepts, 1.081 bushels; stock, 6.618 bushels, very firm—choice timothy, \$16.00a\$16.50. reights quiet—steam to Liverpool per bushel, 2 23dd. August; Cork for orders per quarter, 2s. August. Sogar firm—granulated, 4.75. But steady—fancy creamery, 17a18; do, imitation, 16; do, lodie, 18a14; good indie, 12a13; store pa ed, 19a12. Eags steady—fresh, 123c. Cheese firt fancy New York, 60 size, 9; do. 35 size, 9\frac{1}{2}; size, 9\frac{1}{2}.

Washington Grain Market. Reported by the Grain Exchange.

Spring patent flour, per barrel, 2.75a.5.00; spring straight flour, per barrel, 3.50a.375; winter patent flour, per barrel, 3.50a.376; winter straight flour, per barrel, 3.70a.3.00; winter straight flour, per barrel, 3.60a.3.70; winter extra flour, per barrel, 3.60a.3.70; winter extra flour, per barrel, 3.60a.3.70; winter extra flour, per bushel, 30a.37; No. 2 mixed no. 2 winte oats, per bushel, 32; No. 2 winter oats, per bushel, 52; No. 2 winter oats, per bushel, 52; No. 2 timothy hay, per ton, 14.00a.17.60; No. 2 timothy hay, per ton, 14.50a.15.00; No. 1 clover hay, per ton, 14.50a.15.00; No. 1 clover hay, per ton, 14.50a.15.00; No. 1 clover hay, per ton, 13.00a.16.00; bulk middlings, per ton, 15.00a.16.00; res straw, per ton, 13.00a.14.00; wheat straw, por ton, 15.50a.60.0. The above quotations for car lots delivered on track, Washington. Reported by the Grala Exc

Grain and Cotton Markets Open. 67% 70% 44 22% 19.95 6.40 6.30 6.85 6.91 6.96 Dec. Sept. Dec. Oats Sept. Pork Sept. Lard Sept. Riths Sept. Uggas.

ALEXANDRIA'S ELECTION CASES

To Test a Question of Principle s Not for Salary. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star

ALEXANDRIA, Va., July 22.-The contested election cases opened in the county court in this city today. The cases are those of W. W. Douglas against Richard Johnson for the position of commonwealth's attorney, and Frank Hume against Wm. Duncan, supervisor of Jefferson district. A large crowd from the country, mostly negroes, have been in attendance all day, and the witnesses are almost innumerable. The conlestants are represented by Messrs. A.
W. Armstrong of this city, Walton Moore
of Fairfax and Andrew O. Lipscomb of
Washington, and the defendants by Col. F.
L. Smith and Mr. John M. Johnson of this
city, and Mr. Edmund Burke of Washington. Of course, the emoluments of the
offices amount to nothing, the fight simply
being to establish the principle of the matter. For that reason the deepest interest
attaches to the trial. The sentiment of the
better class of people, both in this city and
Alexandria county, is decidedly in favor of
the contestants. One of the most important
witnesses for the contestants, Miss Lula
M. House, the young lady who printed the
ballots, was too ill to appear in court, and
the bench ordered her deposition taken.
Mr. Johnson, for the defense, quoted from
the allegations of the contestants that the
ballots were illegal, and claiming that there
had been no election according to law.
He was answered by Mr. Armstrong for
the contestants, and the debate waxed
warm between the counsel for both sides.
The issue contended for by the contestants is that there was no legal election.
The court decided that the evidence to be
taken should be of a character to show
whether or not the election was undue.
Mr. Armstrong asked that the ballots uses
in the election be produced in court to
show whether or not they bore the seal
provided for by the Walton election law.
The cierk produced the ballots, when it
was found that both the regular ballots
and the rejected ballots were mixed indiscriminately, and counsel for the contestants decided not to ask for an examination
of the same. Col. Smith, for the defendants, claimed that as the ballots had been
produced, the counsel on the other side
should not now be allowed to withdraw
them. The motion was granted. Mr.
Mcore, at the request of the bench, read
the complaint of the contestants, and the
answer of the defendants was then read
by Mr. Burke.

The court being ready to take testimony,
a recess of one hour was taken. The court
convenes again at contestants are represented by Messrs. A. W. Armstrong of this city, Walton Moore

Suit on Judgment Creditor's Bill. A bill in equity was filed today by Henry

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, on Capitol Hill, and broke open the closet where the sliver communion service is kept. As the sliver service was not there the burglars were evidently disappointed, but they drunk some of the wine and carried off some brass hinges.

The Proctor Case.

The papers in the case of Detective Proctor, containing the testimony taken at the hearing of the charge of conduct unbecoming an officer, growing out of the arrest tender the Edmunds law, are in the hands of Prosecuting Attorney Pugh. When he finishes reading the testimony and certifies to its correctness the Commissioners will take a hand in the matter. It is thought likely that the case will not be finally disposed of for several weeks.

Ninth Street to Be Repayed.

The Commissioners have ordered that the old pavement in 9th street between Pennsylvania avenue and F street northwest be replaced by a pavement laid on a six-inch concrete base, similar to the one ordered for the east side, the Metropolitan Rail-rad Company to pay for its share of the work. Also that the resurfacing of 9th street between N and P streets, which has already been ordered, be proceeded with at

Disfigured the House.

Daniel Newton was given a hearing in Judge Miller's court today. It was charged that he entered a house on B street and disfigured the lead pipe attached to the water fixtures. He was sentenced to 120 days in jail and was fined \$20 or thirty days additional.

Badly Bruised by a Fall,

Charles Sherry, a fifteen-year-old boy who lives at No. 1228 11th street southeast, met with a serious accident this morning while working at the gasometer on 15th street. He fell from the scaffold, a distance of fifteen or twenty feet, and bruised his arm, leg and side. The police ambulance was sent for and the injured boy was taken to his home.

An Assignment.

An assignment was made today by Isaac and Samuel Weisenberg, trading in shoes at 1228 7th street, to Maurice D. Rosenberg, for the benefit of their creditors. The lia-bilities are placed at 877.52, and assets consist of stock in trade. Value not given

Local Pensions Allowed. Original, James A. O'Brien; additional,

James Potter; increase, Harry H. Von Falkenstein; reissue, Abraham M. Salmon, Adam Wenzel, William H. Chapman, Henry Coster. Also, Ebenezer W. Shaek-lett, Delaplaine, Fauquier county, Va., Mysterious Disappearance DENVER, Col., July 22.-Frederick L. Smith, manager of the John W. Knex

Jewelry Company, has been missing four days, and his friends have abandoned hope of his voluntary return.

The dead body of an infant was found in an alley near lith and S streets this morn-ing and sent to the police station for ar investigation by the coroner.